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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2003. An election of one of six species, corresponding to figures 1, 6, 8, 9, 11 and 13, is required. Applicants hereby elect species 4, figure 9. Claims 1, 36-47, 49, 50, and 53-57 read on figure 9.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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